

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting
January 26, 2021

THE WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom in the Municipal Building located at 16 South Main Street Waynesville, NC.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with the following members present:

Mayor Gary Caldwell
Mayor Pro Tem Julia Freeman
Alderman Anthony Sutton
Alderman Jon Feichter
Alderman Chuck Dickson

The following staff members were present:

Rob Hites, Town Manager
Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Town Attorney William E Cannon, Jr.
Eddie Ward, Town Clerk

The following media representatives were present:

Becky Johnson, The Mountaineer

1. Welcome/Calendar/Announcements

Mayor Gary Caldwell welcomed everyone and reminded the board about the upcoming Board Retreat which will be held on Thursday February 25th in the training room of Public Services. He asked the board members to be sure and send any ideas for discussion at the retreat to Town Manager Rob Hites or Assistant Town Manager Jesse Fowler.

2. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Julia Freeman, seconded by Alderman Jon Feichter, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

<i>Mayor Gary Caldwell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mayor Pro Tem Julia Freeman</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Alderman Jon Feichter</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Alderman Chuck Dickson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Alderman Anthony Sutton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Gary Caldwell asked Town Clerk Eddie Ward if there were any comments to be read into the minutes. Ms. Ward read a comment received from Jon Lynn McDermott :

Jon Lynn McDermott

I have several subjects to bring up. First, I know it’s legal to run the Bethel House as the owner wants. We finally got that out of the Town officials after complaining about what was going to be, long before it was operating. The place is hurting our community and the surrounding neighborhood. What do we need to do to fix this?

Secondly, we have our Homelessness Task Force groups, and mine has been successful in the past, but we have a huge flaw! Many people are contacting me that own businesses in the Town, have for decades and they never received a survey or had a visit by anyone but me. Therefore, our numbers of businesses being impacted are skewed. We cannot use skewed numbers and leave businesses that are being impacted by the homeless/addicted/criminals go unheard! I have a debilitating disorder right now from a flu shot but this needs to be discussed. I would like to hear what the mayor thinks about this. Thank you, Jon Lynn McDermott.

C. Closed Session

A motion was made by Alderman Anthony Sutton, seconded by Alderman Julia Freeman, at 6:08 pm to enter into closed session to consult with Attorney Client privilege, and to discuss matters relating to a location or expansion of industries or other businesses NC G.S §143-318.11(a)(3)(4) as well as to discuss matters concerning potential land acquisition under NC G.S. §143-318(a)(3) The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gary Caldwell	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Julia Freeman	Aye
Alderman Jon Feichter	Aye
Alderman Chuck Dickson	Aye
Alderman Anthony Sutton	Aye

A motion was made by Alderman Anthony Sutton, seconded by Alderman Julia Freeman, to return to open session at 6:56 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gary Caldwell	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Julia Freeman	Aye
Alderman Jon Feichter	Aye
Alderman Chuck Dickson	Aye
Alderman Anthony Sutton	Aye

D. ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Julia Freeman, seconded by Alderman Jon Feichter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

<i>Mayor Gary Caldwell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mayor Pro Tem Julia Freeman</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Alderman Jon Feichter</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Alderman Chuck Dickson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Alderman Anthony Sutton</i>	<i>Aye</i>

ATTEST:

Gary Caldwell, Mayor

Robert W. Hites, Town Manager

Eddie Ward, Town Clerk